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1. Czechoslovak activity in support of the claim on the Kladsko (Glatz) region continues despite the rebuke received from the Russians in answer to the circular note which was sent to the Big Three in October 1946. The Russians insisted that Czechoslovakia had no business to turn to the Big Powers in support of territorial claims involving the eastern German boundaries, which are already settled. This matter can only be solved by direct negotiations between Czechoslovakia and Poland. Czechoslovakia has taken up the matter with the Poles in recurring frontier discussions but has not yet achieved any results.
2. An unofficial Czech committee in aid of Kladsko, headed by Doctor Jan Stransky, National Socialist member of Parliament, and under the local National Committee, maintains close touch with refugees from Kladsko in the area of the Czech border town, Nachod. Contact is maintained and propaganda is passed across the border through food parcels smuggled from Poland under a pact with Polish border guards who have been bribed. This chain reports that newly arrived Soviet Army troops are in the area.
3. The Czech committee admits that it was practically impossible for the Czechoslovak Peace Delegation to file an official claim, especially in view of the position of the Soviet Union on Germany's eastern frontier. The last hope lies in Byrnes' Stuttgart speech, and the committee is hopeful that the United States will at least bring up the problem at the conference on the Peace Treaty with Germany. The further question of internal political maneuver is involved here. For shrewd politicians see the Communists in a delicate position from a nationalist standpoint, should questions by the Big Powers about Kladsko catch them in a passive attitude.

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